

Maryland for the purpose of establishing volatile organic compound (VOC) emission control requirements for sheet-fed and web lithographic printing and amending control requirements for paper, fabric, vinyl and plastic parts coating. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial SIP revision and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by October 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Ozone/CO and Mobile Sources Section, Mailcode 3AT21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air, Radiation, and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107 and the Maryland Department of the Environment, 2500 Broening Highway, Baltimore, Maryland 21224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn M. Donahue, (215) 566-2095, at the EPA Region III office address listed above, or via e-mail at donahue.carolyn@epamail.epa.gov. While information may be requested via e-mail, comments must be submitted in writing to the above Region III address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action of the same title, pertaining to Maryland's sheet-fed and web lithographic printing regulations, which is located in the Rules and Regulations Section of this **Federal Register**.

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Dated: August 15, 1997.

Thomas Voltaggio,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[FRL-5883-5]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rhode Island; Reasonably Available Control Technology for Nitrogen Oxides

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Rhode Island. This revision establishes and requires Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) at stationary sources of nitrogen oxides (NO_x). In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to that direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this proposal. Any parties interested in commenting on this proposal should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Susan Studlien, Deputy Director, Office of Ecosystem Protection (mail code CAA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, JFK Federal Bldg., Boston, MA 02203. Copies of the State submittal and EPA's technical support document are available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment at the Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, 11th floor, Boston, MA, and Division of Air and Hazardous Materials, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, 291 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven A. Rapp, Environmental Engineer, Air Quality Planning Unit (CAQ), U.S. EPA, Region I, JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203-2211;

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

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John P. DeVillars,

Regional Administrator, Region I.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 81

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Clean Air Act Reclassification; Arizona—Phoenix Nonattainment Area; Ozone

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to determine that the Phoenix, Arizona moderate ozone nonattainment area has not attained the 1-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) by the Clean Air Act (CAA) mandated attainment date for moderate nonattainment areas, November 15, 1996. EPA also proposes to deny the State of Arizona's application for a one-year extension of the November 15, 1996 attainment date for the Phoenix area. The proposed determination and denial are based in whole or in part on EPA's review of monitored air quality data from 1994 through 1996 for compliance with the 1-hour ozone NAAQS. If EPA takes final action on the determination and denial as proposed, the Phoenix ozone nonattainment area will be reclassified by operation of law as a serious nonattainment area. The effect of such a reclassification would be to continue progress toward attainment of the 1-hour ozone NAAQS through the development of a new State implementation plan (SIP) addressing attainment of that standard by November 15, 1999.

DATES: Comments on this proposal must be received in writing by October 2, 1997. Comments should be addressed to the contact listed below.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the State extension request, EPA's draft technical support document for this rulemaking, and EPA's policies governing attainment findings and extension requests are contained in the docket for this rulemaking. A copy of this notice is also